

WOMAN DIED
FROM HURTS

Murder Case Develops at Vincennes, Ind.

JEALOUS WOMAN IS IN IT

Mrs. Russell Culbertson Was Found Yesterday Afternoon, Bound, Gagged and Buried with Carbolic Acid.

Vincennes, Ind., March 25.—Mrs. Russell Culbertson, who was found yesterday afternoon, bound, gagged and buried with carbolic acid, in the woods of her home, died this morning. From letters in the hands of the police, suspicion attaches to a former sweetheart of Culbertson, the victim's husband.

When revived for a few seconds after being found, Mrs. Culbertson said: "A man and a woman dragged me into the woods and poured something down my throat."

CHURCH STEEPLE BURNS.

Home of Stenham Methodists Damaged \$15,000 by Fire and Water.

Boston, March 25.—A spectacular fire, which wrecked the steeple of the Methodist church, Central street, Stenham, yesterday afternoon, caused a loss to the church through fire and water of approximately \$15,000. The blaze was confined to the steeple, but the deluge of water which was poured upon the roof and walls caused considerable loss to the body of the edifice.

Owing to the fact that the damage had gained headway before the alarm was sounded, the fire gave the Stenham department a hard fight and necessitated the summoning of aid from Wakefield and Winchester.

Realizing that it would be impossible to cope with the fire adequately, the Stenham officials sent for aid to Wakefield and Chief Cadogan and Assistant Chief Jacobs answered with a steamer and a combination wagon. Soon after Chief Symmes and Assistant Chief De Courcy of Winchester arrived with a steamer and hose wagon, and the additional help rendered confined the flames to the steeple and prevented them from spreading to other parts of the church or to the residence of the pastor, the Rev. N. B. Fiske, which adjoins.

The cause of the fire has not yet been determined, but it is supposed that defective electric wires, which enter the church through the steeple, started the blaze. The church was built in 1870, and was recently the headquarters of revival services held in Stenham. The loss is covered by insurance.

WILL KEEP WORKING.

Anthracite Coal Miners So Voted at Scranton Last Night.

Scranton, Pa., March 25.—Reaffirming the demands already presented to the operators, the anthracite miners last night voted to remain at work after April 1, allowing the district executive boards of the hard coal fields of Pennsylvania to continue their efforts to get an agreement satisfactory to the men. The miners were instructed by the convention to continue at work until such time as they are otherwise notified by the official representatives of the three anthracite districts, and the executive boards were instructed to negotiate an agreement upon such basis as the boards in their judgment believes the conditions warrant.

The convention was called upon to act on a resolution looking to arbitration as a final solution if the men and their employers cannot agree. The resolution was introduced by a district officer and in substance asked President Taft to create a commission similar to the one appointed by President Roosevelt in 1902. A heated debate followed with the result that the resolution was referred to three executive boards. Nearly all the leaders were against it and it may never be put into effect by the boards.

GRANITE CUTTERS STRIKE.

Six Men Employed by Contractor Quit Work at Fitchburg.

Fitchburg, Mass., March 25.—Six granite cutters employed by F. M. McCauliff, who has the contract for the foundation of the manual arts school being erected by the state, went on strike yesterday. The men claim that some of the rough stones which was brought to them to be cut was quarried by non-union men and for that reason they refused to work upon it.

F. A. McCauliff, the contractor, said today that he was unable to get a certain grade of stone in his own quarry and was obliged to get it from his brother's quarry, which adjoins his. He stated further that his brother does not recognize the union in the employment of men, but pays the union scale of rates.

MAY SETTLE TROUBLE.

Russia's Formal Acceptance of Austria's Annexation Scheme.

Paris, March 25.—Advices from Vienna say that Russia has formally announced to Austria her acceptance of the latter's annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. It is thought that this action will clear the Balkan situation as it robs Serbia of her only prop in the event of going to war with Austria.

BOTH IDENTIFIED.

Willie Whittle Says Suspects Were The Ones Who Abducted Him.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 25.—Willie Whittle yesterday afternoon identified the man and woman held on suspicion by the Cleveland police as the persons who kidnapped him from the school at Sharon, Pa., last Thursday, and held him for the \$10,000 ransom, which was paid by his father, Attorney J. P. Whittle, Monday.

Willie said the man who gave the name of James H. Boyle, was the one who took him from school and carried him through a tortuous route to Cleveland, then to Ashland, back to this city, and placed him in the house in East End where he was held until the money was paid. Willie also declared that the woman was the one who cared for him at the house where he was detained and who acted the part of a nurse.

Boyle said the woman is his wife. The police have no other identification of the couple than the names given. So far as the man is concerned the police believe the name is correct. Boyle is said to reside in Sharon, and is a plumber by trade. He is said to have a widowed mother, four brothers and a sister.

The woman, who is credited with being the wife of Boyle, declared soon after her arrest that her identification would cause a sensation in Sharon. When the identification was completed, Mr. Whittle would say nothing regarding the woman. He said he knew Boyle slightly.

Boyle was first taken before the Whittles. He was a little pale and nervous. There was a faint smile upon his lips. He was seated before the party, which formed a semi-circle in front of him.

Chief Kohler asked Willie if he had ever seen the man before. "Sure," said Willie brightly, "why, that is the man I left Sharon with. He took me to Cleveland, then to Ashland, and back to Cleveland."

The boy was asked the same question again to make certain of his memory and again the lad declared he was positive.

"He had a moustache when I first saw him at the school house," Willie supplemented, "but he must have cut it off later. This is the way he looked when I saw him in Cleveland."

Boyle smiled sarcastically throughout the recital, but said not a word. He eyed his accusers defiantly. When Willie concluded Boyle was taken back to his cell and the woman was brought in.

The Woman Identified.

She was defiant and haughty in her demeanor. Blantly she stared at Whittle and the other members of the party. Her only relapse from the indignant manner was when she first saw Willie. Then she smiled.

Immediately Willie walked up to her and, extending his hand, said: "How do you do?"

"Hello, Willie," the woman replied as she placed her hand upon his head and caressed him for an instant. He eyed his accusers defiantly. When Willie concluded Boyle was taken back to his cell and the woman was brought in.

"Yes, I know her," he said. "She was the nurse who took care of me in Cleveland." She told me I was sick and in a hospital. I saw her a whole lot as she was with me most of the time."

Notwithstanding the woman's former assertion that there would be a sensation when she was identified or when Whittle saw her she and Whittle looked at each other without any outward evidence of recognition.

Neither did she speak with each other. They did not speak with any of the other members of the party. After the brief examination by the chief, the woman was taken back to the jail. After leaving the police station Whittle would make no comments regarding the woman under suspicion.

DENOUNCED PLAN.

For Making Bigger Navies, Andrew Carnegie Did Last Night.

New York, March 25.—The growing tendency towards bigger and more formidable navies shown by the leading nations of Europe and now by the United States was denounced last night by Andrew Carnegie at the international peace festival held at Carnegie hall, under the auspices of the Peace society of the City of New York.

"Never before in the history of the world," said Mr. Carnegie, "have the leading powers been engaged in hastening the construction of engines of destruction to the extent that they are now. A short time ago England had a navy which was estimated as being five times more powerful than that of Germany. In order to remain the unchallenged mistress of the seas, all she had to do was to avoid increasing the construction of engines of destruction. Now the United States and the other world powers are all actively engaged in turning out 25,000 ton battleships."

TAFT HELPED HIS WIFE.

To Entertain Ladies, Foregoing His Usual Horseback Ride.

Washington, March 25.—Mr. Taft was hostess yesterday at a tea at the White House with the wives and daughters of senators and representatives as guests. It was the largest afternoon social function of the present administration. President Taft gave up his customary horseback ride and was present to help receive the ladies.

In the afternoon party were Mrs. Knox, Mrs. Wickham and Mrs. Meyer. Mrs. Herbert Parsons of New York, poured tea.

AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.

Weston, The Aged Walker, Making Good Time to Coast.

Rochester, N. Y., March 25.—Edward Payson Weston arrived in Rochester at 9 o'clock last night on his cross country walk and at once proceeded to the Y. M. C. A. building where he gave an address to a large audience. The veteran pedestrian came into the city in a light rain, which had been in progress for some hours and had made walking somewhat disagreeable. Weston was in good form, however, and a little over an hour ahead of his schedule. He made 22 miles yesterday.

TWO OTHERS
ARRAIGNED

Additions to Boston's Steel Scandal Case

THEY PLEAD NOT GUILTY

They Were Charged with Collusive Bidding by Which the City of Boston Was Robbed of Thousands of Dollars.

Boston, March 25.—Harold P. Converse of Auburndale and Edwin E. Bliss of Malden, members of the firm of H. P. Converse Structural Steel company, were arraigned in the superior court this morning, charged with collusive bidding in connection with the so-called Boston agreement, by which the city was robbed of thousands of dollars.

The defendants pleaded not guilty and were held in \$2,000 for trial.

Eight other men connected with the structural steel business, who were recently indicted by the grand jury for conspiracy to defraud the city of Boston, were arraigned yesterday and were immediately placed under arrest. Four, who made up the first party, were Albert S. Miller, Jr. of Worcester; Elmer F. Smith of Marion; Charles M. Pennycook of Dorchester and Frank E. White of Malden.

The surrender of the four followed closely upon the action of Frederick Rock, one of the indicted men, who gave himself up to the police Tuesday and, after arraignment, was held in bonds of \$2,000 for trial.

The "Boston agreement" was first brought to public notice by the Boston finance commission, which in the course of its investigations discovered that collusive bids on structural steel work were offered by agreement of the structural steel firms interested.

The indictments against the men who gave themselves up yesterday charge "conspiracy to defraud," "cheat the public by agreeing to," "unlawfully restrain trade and fair competition on contracts for steel structure by collusive arranging the price of structural steel in excess of a fair price."

Scarcely had the four men arrested finished giving their names and other data at headquarters, when four other steel men appeared and surrendered on similar indictments. They were John G. Whitman of Somerville, Henry C. Collins of Boston, Henry K. Ripley of North Chelmsford and John Wilson of Somerville.

WOMAN FOUND GUILTY.

Then Nora Shannon of Rutland Took an Appeal.

Rutland, March 25.—Chief of Police F. S. Whitaker arrested Mrs. Nora Shannon at her home on Congress street yesterday and brought her before the justice of the Peace B. H. Stickney in the justice's office. She pleaded not guilty to the charge of breach of the peace and was defended by Attorney Martin P. Rodan. Miss Caroline E. Mead and Miss Martha Cline testified that Mrs. Shannon had called them by abusive and profane language on various occasions, and they exhibited a stick and some potatoes which they declared she had thrown at them. John Shannon, Jr., testified in his mother's behalf, and Mrs. Shannon gave her own version of the trouble. Nora maintained a quiet demeanor and refused to believe the prosecution's witnesses, what she thought of them, as she has done in former trials. The justice found Mrs. Shannon guilty and sentenced her to 30 days in the county jail. She appealed and furnished \$200 for States Attorney J. C. Jones to prosecute. Mrs. Shannon has been arrested several times before, but has always escaped with a little fine.

M. S. ALUMNI MEET.

For Their Annual Banquet in Boston Last Evening.

Boston, March 25.—Two alumni who came from the home city for the occasion were present last evening in the Copley square hotel at the annual reunion of the Montpelier seminary alumni association. They were Rev. Dr. E. A. Bishop and Charles N. Bemis. About 50 others attended.

At 6:30 a banquet was served, after which the two from the Green mountain state made addresses. They were introduced by Clarence L. Newton of Boston, the toastmaster. Dr. Bishop in his remarks called the attention of the alumni to the fact that in May the seminary would celebrate its 75th anniversary. Summer Darling of Medford also spoke.

The officers chosen were Prof. David Blaupied of Newtonville, president; Mrs. S. W. Ainsworth of Somerville, vice-president and Miss Ethel Austin of Boston secretary and treasurer.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

E. A. Girard of Barton was a visitor in this city today.

Mrs. Cassie McDowell began work yesterday at Boyce's bakery.

James East of Burlington began work yesterday as porter at the Hotel Otis.

A son was born this morning to Mr. and Mrs. John Redmond of Maple avenue.

Mrs. R. S. Currier and daughter, Marjorie, rode to Northfield today to visit friends.

Allen T. Hirtle returned last night from a business trip through the middle Western states.

August Petersen and Oscar Hohenberg of Concord, N. H., visited friends in this city today.

Miss Madeline Edwards of Laconia, N. H., is visiting at the home of W. F. Richardson of Camp street.

Among arrivals at the Hotel Otis yesterday were Miss Ruby Jones, Burlington; F. S. Hunter, Burlington; H. E. O'Brien, Portland, Me.; P. R. Shannon, New York; Don F. Safford, Grand Rapids, Mich.; A. W. Burzio, New York; Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith, and Mrs. H. J. Johnson, Boston; T. J. Watson, Woodstock; William Killian, Boston; D. A. Small, Newport.

MARRIED FIFTY YEARS.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Chamberlain of Swanton Remembered Last Night.

Swanton, March 25.—Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Chamberlain were pleasantly surprised last evening by several relatives and friends, the occasion being their golden wedding anniversary.

Newton Edwards, Chamberlain and Italy Ann Hoge were married at Lawrence, Mass., March 24, 1859, by the Rev. Mr. Tappan. After living in Massachusetts for several years, they came to Winoski and later moved to this place, where they have lived for many years, Mr. Chamberlain being a contractor and builder. They have two daughters, Mrs. Emil Suter of this place, and Mrs. Walter H. Crockett of St. Albans. One daughter died in infancy. They have two granddaughters.

Mr. Chamberlain was born in Waterford, Me., May 15, 1837, being the son of Ephraim and Abigail (Holt) Chamberlain. One brother is living, Ephraim Chamberlain of Newbury, Mass.

Mrs. Chamberlain was born in Franklin November 11, 1834, being the daughter of Augustus F. and Eunice (Fordyce) Hogle. One brother and three sisters are living. They are John Hogle of Omaha, Neb., Mrs. George Crane of Worthington, Minn., Mrs. Myron Simpson of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Mrs. E. B. Stevenson of Phillipsburg, Mo.

BLACK HAND LETTERS BY BOY.

Brennan of Dover and Chum Arrested for Trying to Extort Cash.

Dover, N. H., March 25.—John Brennan, 15 years old, son of Bernard Brennan, and Michael Bennett, 14 years old, son of John Bennett, 14 years old, son of John Bennett, were arrested here last evening on a charge of sending threatening letters through the mails to extort money from Frank R. Williams, senior member of the firm of I. R. Williams & Son, and from H. C. Hopkins, a prominent dry goods merchant.

The letters commanded Mr. Williams and Mr. Hopkins to leave \$50 each in paper bags in designated places. The former was directed to leave his money in the doorway at the entrance to his belt factory on Orchard street, and the latter to leave his at the Second street entrance to his dry goods store.

If the men told anybody, the letters said, or had anybody watch, they would be killed within two days. The letters were signed "The Black Hand," following which was the inscription, "Your Money or Your Life."

Young Brennan, who has a sentence suspended over him for breaking and entering, has confessed to writing both letters, and says that Bennett went with him to the doorways at his request and had no knowledge of the object of his visits.

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THE LAW'S GOOD MEMORY.

Did Not Allow Alexander Wagoner to Escape His Jail Sentence.

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Wagoner now claims that he did not run away from the constable, but that he stepped into a toilet room at Essex Junction and that when he came out he found that the train had pulled out of the station, leaving him there alone. He didn't call that eluding the officer. Six months ago Wagoner returned to his home in Worcester, where his wife was still living. Mrs. Wagoner went into hysterics when the officers called yesterday to get her husband and she pleaded hard with the officers not to take him away. Wagoner was surprised that the officers came, because he thought the offense was so small and the time since it so long that it would be overlooked. He made no resistance to returning to Montpelier with the officers.

PRISONERS TRANSFERRED.

Because of Crowded Condition at Chittenden County Jail.

Rutland, March 25.—Under a new law which gives the state executive authority to order a transfer of prisoners from one county to another when any jail is over crowded, a batch of 10 prisoners were brought to this city yesterday afternoon from Burlington and lodged in Rutland county jail.

Sheriff Allen of Burlington and an assistant, who were in charge of the prisoners, said that the Chittenden county jail had more boarders than it could accommodate and Governor Proulx was asked to authorize the transfer. This is the first time that the law has been put in operation in this part of the state.

DEATH OF A VET.

Henry Buckminster Was Severely Wounded at Cold Harbor.

St. Johnsbury, March 25.—Henry Buckminster, aged 65, a veteran of the Civil War, died yesterday morning from a paralytic shock, the fourth in three years. He was born at Concord and enlisted from this town in Co. A, 11th Vermont infantry, November 30, 1863. He served in the second division of the sixth corps under General Meade at Spottsylvania and Cold Harbor. In the latter engagement he was severely wounded and remained in the hospital until his honorable discharge from the service June 13, 1865. He leaves a wife and one son, aged 18.

SENTENCED TO
SHORT TERM

Levi Partridge Gets Three Years for Killing

DESPOILER OF HIS HOME

He Had Shot Ray Coomer—Mrs. Partridge Got an Equal Sentence Today for Adultery, Also in Orleans County Court.

Newport, March 25.—Levi Partridge was arraigned in Orleans county court this forenoon on the charge of manslaughter in killing Ray Coomer at Glover on December 5, last, the tragedy growing out of alleged intimacy between Coomer and Mrs. Partridge. The respondent pleaded guilty to the charge, and the plea was accepted by the court. Judge Miles then sentenced the respondent to not less than two years and not more than three years in the state prison at Windsor.

Mrs. Partridge was also arraigned in the same court today on the charge of adultery, she having returned after a mysterious disappearance on Tuesday, when she was wanted as the chief witness in the trial of her husband on the charge of murder. The woman pleaded guilty to adultery and was sentenced to not less than two and not more than three years.

The shooting tragedy was enacted in the kitchen of the Partridge home about a mile from Glover village. In the previous July, Partridge had a warrant sworn out for Coomer's arrest on a statutory charge, after which Mrs. Partridge left home. Later a reconciliation was effected and she returned home again. Finally, young Coomer began to pay his attentions to Mrs. Partridge, and he was warned by the irate husband to keep away.

On the afternoon of Saturday, December 5, Partridge returned home and found Coomer in the kitchen with Mrs. Partridge. He declared that he would shoot the man who had broken up his home, and suiting his action to his word he took down a shotgun and fired, killing Coomer instantly. Then Partridge was prevented from killing himself by his wife. His arrest soon followed, and he was indicted on the charge of murder.

Coomer was about twenty years of age and came from Greensboro. Partridge is 38, and considerably older than his wife.

Decision in Civil Suit.

The jury in the case of Kilby vs. C. L. Erwin returned a verdict today for the plaintiff to recover \$264 damages. This was an action to recover for damages caused by a fire which, while unguarded, was allowed to burn part of the plaintiff's sugar place.

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TWO PURPOSES OUTLINED.

What the Women's Clubs of Vermont Hope to Do for the State.

The Civic Federation, composed of all the women's club in the city, was entertained last evening in Worthen hall by the Clover club in one of the series of receptions to be tendered the Federation by each one of the clubs. Mrs. O. C. Ashton of Rutland, president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, was the guest of honor and her remarks on the work of the Federation were listened to with much interest by the large number of ladies present. The state president said that the National and State Federations had taken hold of the movement to educate the people in regard to the prevention and cure of tuberculosis. The Federation of this state is to scatter throughout the state 50,000 copies of pamphlets telling how to cure and prevent the spread of this white plague.

The speaker also stated that the Federation had decided to see what it could do towards decreasing the ratio of illiteracy in Vermont, which, she said, was much higher than it was years ago, and while, in late years, other states had been going ahead in this work Vermont had been standing still. One of the steps to be taken by the Federation, she said, was getting more and better schools in the rural districts and supplying with more efficient teachers. During her discourse the president read a letter from the Daughters of Vermont in Oliston, extending to the Vermont State Federation an invitation to visit them in October.

Miss Blanche J. Tilden read a very interesting paper on Oliver Wendell Holmes, written and played by Gale's orchestra and a piano duet was rendered by the Misses Blanche Spaulding and Ruth Quigley. Dainty refreshments were served by the committee, consisting of Mrs. Harry W. Whitcomb, Mrs. E. O. Kent and Mrs. B. W. Hooker. The committee which had charge of the program for the evening consisted of Mrs. Stella C. Averill, Mrs. Homer Fitts and Miss Blanche J. Tilden.

HENRY C. IDE NAMED

AS MINISTER TO SPAIN

President Taft Selects Vermonter For This Post—Leishman Named to Succeed Grissom at Rome.

Washington, March 25.—J. G. A. Leishman of Panama was nominated today by President Taft as ambassador to Italy to succeed Mr. Grissom. Henry C. Ide of Vermont was nominated to be minister to Spain. Others were also named.

GAVE "VERMONT DAY"

And It Proved to Be a Delightful Affair at Congregational Vestry.

"Vermont day" was observed yesterday afternoon by the Ladies' Aid society of the Congregational church. The vestry of the church was filled in consequence, and all were fully repaid for going. After quaffing the incident, pertinent to Vermont, had been given by those present, the following excellent program, each number being especially well rendered, was enjoyed.

Solo, "Voices of the Wood,".....

.....Mrs. Nellie L. Bralley

Paper, "Historical Spots in Vermont,".....

.....Mrs. L. M. Averill

Selection, "Schuman Ladies' Quartette,".....

Poem, "My Uncle Jerry,".....

.....Mrs. S. M. Chandler

Paper, "Lafayette's Visit to Vermont,".....

.....Mrs. H. O. Worthen

Poems, "A Spruce Legend" (original),.....

"An Indian Legend,".....

.....Mrs. R. A. Hoar

Selection, "Schuman Ladies' quartette,".....

At the close of the program sugar and snow and plain doughnuts and pickles were served, and another of the delightful afternoon socials which have been given by this society was brought to a close.

FORMER RESIDENT OF BARRE.

Lester W. Heath Died Suddenly at Jersey City, N. J., Yesterday.

A telegram has been received in this city announcing the death of Lester W. Heath, a former resident, at Jersey City, N. J. The telegram stated that death was very sudden, and a succeeding telegram announced that the funeral will be held to-morrow afternoon and that the remains will be temporarily interred in Jersey City. It is probable that final interment will be at Woodbury, this state.

Mr. Heath was born in Woodbury 42 years ago and was for many years a resident of Barre, where he was well known. He was employed as an engineer at the Wetmore & Morse granite plant for a long time. He had a very general nature like was well liked by his acquaintances. He took a great deal of interest in the Masonic order, of which he was a member. He left Barre about eighteen years ago and before going to Jersey City he resided at Saratoga Springs, N. Y. He leaves his wife and one son, Forrest. He was a brother of the late Charles Heath of Montpelier.

WILL LICENSE DEALERS

In Milk in Montpelier, It Was Decided Last Evening.

The Montpelier board of health last night decided to take steps under a recently enacted law to require milk peddlers to become licensed. It was decided to send out notices that the dealers would have to comply with the requirement. Dr. Lindsay, the city health officer, stated, however, that he did not consider that the tuberculosis test would have to be included in the examination which preceded the granting of the license, as all the cattle had been tested within a year.

The state board of health wrote to the Montpelier board also respecting a tuberculosis exhibit to be held